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1. GOE AND PRESS ATTACKS ON MOSCOW, WHICH DROPPED OFF
AFTER FAHMY/GROMYKO MEETING JUNE 8-10 (REF A) HAVE IN
LAST FEW DAYS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY. MININFO STATEMENT
JUNE 23 DECLARED "NO PROGRESS" YET MADE TOWARD NORMILIZA-
TION (REF B). NEXT DAY, SOVIET AMB POLYAKOV RETURNED
UNEXPECTEDLY TO EGYPT. (HE HAD TOLD US HE WOULD HAVE
LENGTHY VACATION IN USSR.) ON JUNE 26, FAHMY RECEIVED
POLYAKOV (WHO, PRESS REPORTED, GAVE HIM MESSAGE FROM
GROMYKO), SAME DAY THAT SADAT LASHED OUT AT SOVIETS IN
TELEVISED MEETING WITH SENIOR EGYPTIAN JOURNALISTS.

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DIRECT AND INDIRECT SLURS INCLUDED:

(A) ATTACK ON EGYPTIAN COMMUNISTS: "WE WANT EGYPTIAN
LEFT NOT A SOVIET LEFT." NO ATHEIST MAY OCCUPY LEADING
POST IN INFORMATION OR CULTURAL FIELDS BECAUSE A FAITHLESS
MAN CANNOT BE TRUSTED.

(B) BLOC POLICY: "WE ARE RESHAPING RELATIONS WITH EAST BLOC": EGYPT WILL NEVER ACCEPT SPECIAL STATUS OF ANY STATE PRESIDENT STRESSED "UNACCEPTABILITY" OF USSR'S EFFORTS "IN THE PAST" TO ATTACH TO ARMS CONTRACTS A CONDITION REQUIRING PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FROM MOSCOW FOR THE USE OF SUCH ARMS.

(C) CHINESE ALTRUISM: PEKING HAS BEEN OFFERING EGYPT ASSISTANCE "GRATIS" AND HAS NEVER INTERFERED IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.

2. CAIRO WEEKLY OCTOBER MAGAZINE JUNE 26 TAKES UP SAME THEMES IN FIVE SEPARATE ARTICLES. COVER DESIGN HAS SOVIET HAND MANIPULATING MONKEYS LABELLED CASTRO AND QADHAFI. INSIDE PAGES CHARGE SOVIETS MEDDLING IN AFRICAN AFFAIRS AND SEEK USE "RED MILITARY ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT" TO CRUSH ERITRIANS, PLAY UP ANTI-BREZHNEV DEMONSTRATIONS IN PARIS, AND SNIDELY COMMENT ON SOVIET NEED FOR WESTERN TECHNOLOGY. MAGAZINE'S CURRENT INSTALLMENT OF SADAT MEMOIRES RECALLS POST-MAY 1971 DIFFICULTIES SADAT HAD WITH PODGORNYY, BREZHNEV AND KOSYGIN. THIS WEEK'S ROSE AL-YUSUF MAGAZINE ALSO ATTACKS SOVIETS BY MEANS INTERVIEW WITH NUMAIRI AFTER HIS CHINESE VISIT; SUDANESE PRESIDENT ATTACKS SOCIALIST IMPERIALISM, COMPLAINS OF SOVIET HARD CURRENCY DEMANDS FROM ARAB ARMS BUYERS AND CHARGES QADHAFI NOT SINCERE IN ALLEGED DESIRE NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH EGYPT. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. COMMENT: SADAT'S REMARKS NO DOUBT PARTLY PROMPTED BOTY BY UPCOMING SENTENCING OF ALLEGED COMMUNIST INCITERS OF JANUARY RIOTS AND BY FACT THAT WITHIN MONTH OR SO ONE OR TWO NEW HOPEFUL POLITICAL PARTIES WILL BE APPLYING FOR OFFICIAL RECOGNITION (SOME OF THEIR LEADERS LIKELY TO BE FROM THE LEFT). NEVERTHELESS, OVERALL IMPRESSION HE LEFT WAS OF DELIBERATE SKEPTICISM ABOUT SOVIET INTENTIONS TOWARD EGYPT. OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE WAS HIS CHARACTERIZATION AS UNACCEPTABLE SOVIET EFFORT EXERT CONTROL OVER ARMS DELIVERED TO EGYPT. IF ANY SUCH CONDITIONS WERE SUGGESTED TO FAHMY IN MOSCOW, SOVIETS WOULD APPEAR TO HAVE THEIR ANSWER. EILTS

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